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Applicant : Gordon et al. Art Unit : 1644
Serial No. : 09/484,577 Examiner : Jessica Roark, Ph.D.
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Title : NOVEL GENES AND POLYPEPTIDES FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF GIANT
CELL ARTERITIS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed September 20, 2001 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due December 20, 2001. Applicants herewith submit a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the time for responding up to and including March 20, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Petition for extension of time and fee
- Declaration by Dr. Lynn Gordon under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 with data as Exhibit A and resume as Exhibit B; references, Exhibits C-F, to be submitted under separate cover

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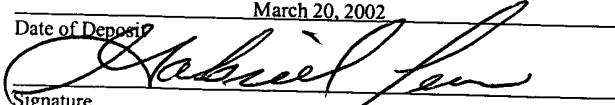
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